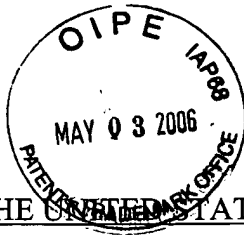


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PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                                   |
| HISASHI NARIMATSU, ET AL.   | ) | Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D. |
| Application No.: 09/914,152 | ) | Group Art Unit: 1652              |
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| For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES     | ) | May 2, 2006                       |

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005 to May 4, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated November 5, 2005 (Paper No. 20051226), as follows:

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